Violence during elections in J&K

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Civilians foreign and Indian, army and para military forces personnel, policemen and terrorists killed and injured during the election process from the day of announcements of elections and day of counting of ballots in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the property damaged in the State during the said period; and

(c) what was the effect of violence and terrorist activities on the elections of the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) As reported by State Government during the period from 1st August 2002 to 15th October, 2002, the number of:

Civilians killed were	249
Civilians injured were	526
Security Forces killed	139
Security Forces injured	294 and
Terrorists killed were	414

(figure for civilians killed includes volunteer members of VDCs and SPOs)

(b) As reported by State Government, the number of property damaged in the State during the period 1.8.2002 to 31.10.2002 was 62. (This include Government and educational buildings, private houses, shops and bridges).

(c) Despite terrorist threat to life people came out in large numbers to cast their votes and defied the terrorist designs to disrupt the election process. The overall turn out was 44.62%.

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